

historic events which will always stand forth in the story of mankind; and now we have been fortunate enough to see that rare combination of a great historic event treated by a great writer, a great student, a great historian. How fortunate we should be if Napier had written not merely the Peninsula War, but all of Napoleon's campaigns! How fortunate we should be if there had been a Thucydides to write of Alexander as he actually wrote of the Peloponnesian War! How I wish that some man could arise to do for the great English civil war of the 17th century, or for the American civil war of the 19th century, what Macaulay did for the English revolution and its hero! Well, it seems to me that you have done just this for the American Revolution.

"By the way, I am especially pleased at the justice you did to Lord Grey, he who cut up Wayne's troops with the bayonet, and thereby taught Wayne a lesson which Stony Point and the Fallen Timbers afterwards showed he had learned in good fashion. Was this Grey the ancestor of either your present Foreign Secretary or present Governor General in Canada? I have always felt a keen sympathy with the men who receive no credit for their great and brilliant deeds simply because an inexorable fate has compelled them to fight on the losing side. The very greatest captains in history, the Hannibals and Napoleons, leave a fame undimmed by the fact of final failure, for their colossal might forces the unwilling attention of mankind, and the recog-

niton of the fact that no human greatness can  
in the end  
prevail against the stars in their courses. But  
the lesser  
men are generally judged merely by success. In  
the Kevo-  
lutionary War, for instance, I have never felt  
that Corn-  
wallis received justice, or that minor men like  
Tarleton and  
Grey received justice. (I am putting them  
together from  
a military standpoint and without any  
intention at the  
moment of alluding to any possible difference of  
character  
among them.) It was not possible that  
Cornwallis should  
win, as events actually were; yet he defeated  
army after  
army, battling always against superior  
numbers, conquered